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LETTERS

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Ulysses S. Grant Letters

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(S. J. Sherman)

10.30 p.m.

Head Quarters Armies of the United States,

City Point Va, Nov. 7th

1864.

Major Genl. W. T. Sherman, Atlanta Ga.

Your dispatch of this evening received. I see no present reason for changing your plan. Should any arise you will see it as if I do will inform you. I think everything here favorable now. Great good fortune attend you. I believe you will be eminently successful and at worst can only make a march less fruitful if result than is hoped for.

W. Sherman

To Genl.

(Cipher)

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Head Quarters Armies of the United States,

City Point, Va. Dec. 9th 1864.

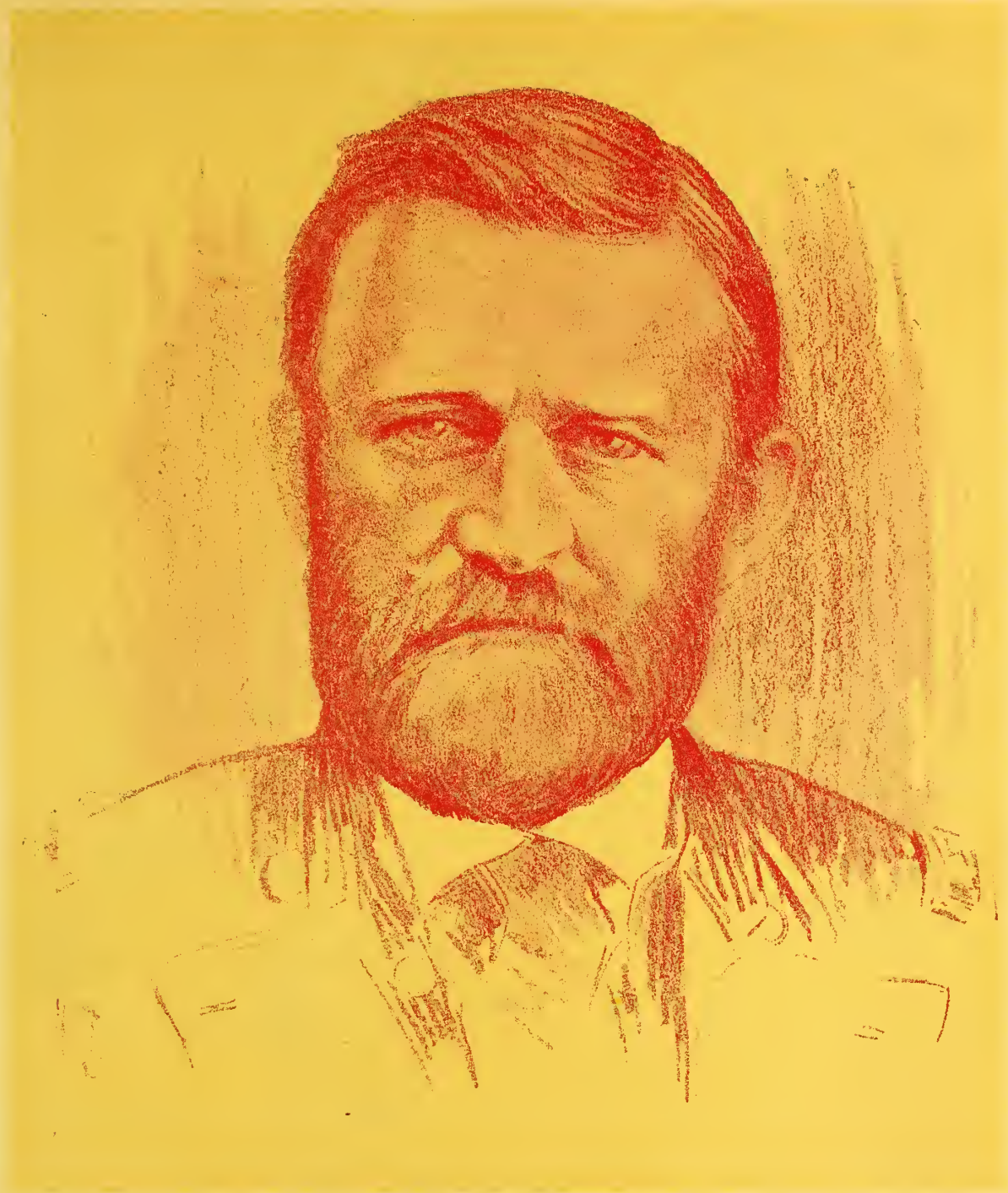
Maj: Gen. Halleck, Washington.

Gen. Thomas has been urged in every way possible to attack the enemy even to the giving the positive order. He did say he thought he would be able to attack on the 7th but did not do so nor has he given a reason for not doing it. I am very unwilling to do injustice to an officer who has done so much good service as Gen. Thomas has however one will therefore suspend the order relieving him until it is seen whether he will do anything.

H. S. Givens

H. C. W.





GENERAL U. S. GRANT
WRITES GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE
THE LETTER THAT ENDED THE CIVIL WAR

Old Hampshire Bond

Appomattox C. H. Va.
Apr. 9th 1865

Gen. R. E. Lee,
Comd'g C. S. A.
Gen.

In accordance
with the substance of my letter
to you of the 8th inst. I propose to
receive the surrender of the Army of
N. Va. on the following terms; to wit

Rolls of all the officers and
men to be made in duplicate.

One copy to be given to an officer
designated by me, the other to be
retained by such officer or officers
as you may designate. The officers
to give their individual paroles
not to take up arms against the

Government of the United States ^{until property is changed} and
each company ^{or regimental commander} ~~officers~~ sign a like
parole for the men of their
men commands.

The Arms Artillery and public
property to be packed and stacked
and turned over to the officer
appointed by me to receive them.
This will not embrace the side
Arms of the officers, nor their
~~this~~ private ^{or baggage} horses. This done
each officer and man will be
allowed to return to their homes
not to be disturbed by United
States Authority so long as they
observe their parole and the
laws in force where they may
reside.

Very respectfully
Wm Grant H. C.

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Cavalry Head quarters

Parker Creek - 1865

April 6th 65

St. General. U.S. Grant:

General.

I have the honor to report, that
the enemy made a stand at
the intersection of the Parker station
road, with the road on which he
was retreating. I attacked him
with two divisions of the 6th Army Corps
and defeated him handsomely, making
a connection with the Cavalry.

I am still pressing on, with both
Cavalry, & Infantry. Up to the
present time we have captured Gault,
Ewell, Kershaw, Bartles, Gano, de Foy
& Castro. Taken several thousand prisoners
fourteen pieces of artillery with ammuni-
tion, large number of wagons. If the thing
is pressed I think that yet more prisoners
will be taken.

Headquarters Armies of the United States,

Washington 24th Dec. 30^d 1865

Hon. H. McCullough

Sec. of the Treas.

Sir:

Since my
Conversation with you I have
sent orders to the War
office telegraph mustering
out of service about
35,000 men in addition
to all heretofore ordered
to be mustered out.

Very respectfully
your obt. servt.
A. A. Grant
John

Lt. Genl. W. F. Roanh
Washⁿ D.C. Dec. 30/65.

Advises Secy. that he has
ordered to be mustered
out of service 35,000 troops.

General Grant has
the honor to accept
the invitation of the
Secretary of the Treasury
to dinner, on Friday
December 13th.

December 9th

discreetly been trying to make a monument of the
fire.

B Transcript 12-9-72
The University to President Grant.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS., 26 Nov., 1872. }

Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States:
Sir—I have the honor to transmit herewith the
diploma of the degree of Doctor of Laws, which was
conferred upon you by this University at the Com-
mencement in June last in recognition of your dis-
tinguished public services both in war and peace,—in
war, in preserving the integrity of the national terri-
tory and the national institutions,—in peace, in
strengthening the national credit, lightening the pub-
lic burdens, reforming the civil service, and settling
by arbitration grave disputes of long standing be-
tween this country and Great Britain.

I am, with profound respect,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES W. ELIOT, President.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30th, 1872. }

*Charles W. Eliot, Esq., President Harvard Uni-
versity:* Dear Sir—Your very kind and complimen-
tary letter of the 26th inst., with the diploma confer-
ring on me the degree of Doctor of Laws by Harvard
University, is just received. Permit me to thank the
faculty of Harvard, through you, for this mark of
their approval of my efforts to serve our beloved
country, both in time of war and in time of peace.
It will be my effort to continue to deserve that confi-
dence.

Be assured that I shall ever hold in high esteem the
parchment and your letter accompanying it, as
marked testimonials of that approval.

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT.

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
San Antonio.

June 1, 1903.

Mr. William W. Reed,
Secretary The Art Lovers' League,
80 Exchange Place,
New York.

My dear Sir:

I hasten to thank you for your kind letter of the 27th instant, and to assure you that I will be very grateful for your picture of the late President McKinly, which you kindly promised to send me.

I enclose an autograph of my father for you to place on the picture of him which you are about to publish, and trust that I may be able to secure a copy of that picture also. This autograph is about the best that I could secure for you.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Frederick D. Grant.

Brigadier General, U. S. Army.

5. *Letter of Grant to his Father, on the Capture of Vicksburg, 1863*

THE original of this letter is owned by Hon. Curtis Guild, sr., of Boston. It is brought to our attention by Professor Lawrence B. Evans, of Tufts College. Though it may be said to contain no new historical fact, the simplicity and directness with which it treats of great achievements must be thought characteristic and engaging.

VICKSBURG, July 6th 1863

Dear Father,

Vicksburg has at last surrendered after a siege of over forty days. The surrender took place on the morning of the 4th of July. I found I had continuously underestimated the force of the enemy both in men and Artillery. The number of prisoners surrendered was thirty thousand and two hundred. The process of parolling is so tedious however that many who are desirous of getting to their homes will escape before the paroling officers get around to them. The Arms taken is about 180 pieces of Artillery and over 30000 stand of small arms. The enemy still had about four days rations of flour and meat and a large quantity of sugar.

The weather now is excessively warm and the roads intolerably dusty. It can not be expected under these circumstances that the health of this command can keep up as it has done. My troops were not allowed one hours idle time after the surrender but were at once started after other game.

My health has continued very good during the campaign which has just closed. Remember me to all at home.

ULYSSES

[*Indorsement.*] This is an autograph letter from my son Ulysses S. Grant Lt Gen U. S. A.

JESSE R GRANT

*Gives West River
October 1906*

GRANT, U. S.

A. L. S. "U. S. Grant, Maj. Gen."

1 page. "Headquarters Dept. of the ?
Hankinson's Ferry, May 6th, 1863"
addressed to Col. W. S. Hillyer, A. D. C.
Removal of soldiers from "hospital *****
to Grand Gulf."

40.00

Folio 23

GRANT, U. S.

Small slip of paper bearing autograph
"U.S. Grant, Maj. Gen. U.S.A., Chattanooga,
Tenn. Dec. 13th, 1863."

5.00

GRANT, U. S.

D. S. Appointment of Thomas Maxwell as
Postmaster at Saugerties, Ulster Co. N. Y.
Washington, September 3, 1875. Bears Seal
of the Post Office Department.

10.00

GRANT, U. S.

Small white card bearing autograph
"U.S. Grant."

5.00

Folio 25

Grant, U. S.

L. S. "U.S. Grant, Maj. Genl." Single
page. "Hdqrs. 13 Army Corps, Dept. of
the Tenn. Oxford, Miss. Dec. 15, 1862."
Ordering uniforms. Engraving of Grant
accompanying.

20.00

GRANT, U. S.

D. S. Appointment of Caesar
A. Rodney as a Commissioner of the
Centennial (1876) 2 pieces. Dated
Washington, Oct. 31, 1876. Signed also
by Hamilton Fish. Second commission is
dated Dover, Nov. 6, 1876 and is signed
by Ignatius C. Gimble or Camble. Secretary
of State.

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Folio 26

GRANT, U. S.

A. L. S. 3 pages. Dated Headquarters,
Jackson, October 5th, 1862, and addressed
to "Maj. Genl. H. D. Hallick, Gen'l in
Chief, Washington, D. C." Regarding the
importance of organizing "a corps of
experienced railroad Engineers and
builders."

100.00

GRANT, U. S.

A. L. S. 4 pages, 8vo. Rome, Italy,
April 9, 1878. To U. S. Grant, Jr. A
most interesting letter written during
his famous tour of Europe; on monogram
stationery. "I sometime feel homesick
to get back to America," etc. Engraving
of Grant accompanying.

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GRANT, U. S.

Original Autograph Manuscript. 3-1/2 pp
8vo. Written on the stationery of
"Honore & Grant," 34 Wall St. New York.
An interesting manuscript on The Funding
Bill. Engraving of Grant attached.

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L. E. STOCKDALE
LOANS



ESTHERVILLE, IOWA
August 19, 1938.

Mr. C. B. Briggs, Farm Supervisor,
The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.,
Fort Wayne, I n d .

Dear Mr. Briggs:

I have a friend here whose father is very old (about 85) and who tells me his father has a number of letters (originals) from civil war celebrities such as Grant, Meade, Burnside and Lincoln.

They are desirous of selling these letters and it occurred to me that perhaps the L N L might be interested in the letter from Lincoln.

If so, would you advise me and I will be glad to advise you further in the matter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'L. E. Stockdale', written in a cursive style.

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August 23, 1938

Mr. L. E. Stockdale
Estherville, Iowa

Dear Mr. Stockdale:

We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to us in regard to the original Civil War letters owned by one of your friends.

We are accordingly referring your letter to Dr. Louis A. Warren, of our Lincoln Foundation, who will get in touch with you in regard to the matter.

Yours very truly,

CBB:LB

Farm Supervisor

August 23, 1938

Mr. L. E. Stockdale
Estherville, Iowa

My dear Mr. Stockdale:

Our Farm Supervisor, Mr. C.B. Briggs, has just called to my attention the fact that you have a friend who has some correspondence of the Civil War days that might be available.

Will you please have him state the number of letters which he has, the names of the writers, and also the contents of the Lincoln letter. This will help us to learn whether or not we care to acquire them.

Thanking you for any courtesy you may extend in this matter, we are

Very truly yours,


LAW:BS

Director

Head Quarters Army in the Field
City Point, Va. July 6th 1864.

The Navy Stations on James River
are respectfully requested to pass the
Steamers John B. Thompson and
Elizabeth, engaged in the service of
the Sanitary Commission, to and from
City Point and Northern Ports, until further
orders.

Provost Marshals, and all Military
authorities, are directed to respect this
as a pass for the above Steamers.

W. A. Grant
A. Gen.


**"I HAVE DONE MY BEST TO OBEY ORDERS
.... IF MY COURSE IS NOT SATISFACTORY,
REMOVE ME AT ONCE"**

103. GRANT, U. S. UNION GENERAL. PRES-
IDENT. MAGNIFICENT MOST UNUSUAL WAR
LETTER. Folio, full page. Fort Henry, March
7th, 1862, to Maj. Gen. Hancock in St. Louis. We
print this HISTORICAL MISSIVE IN FULL. We
believe UNKNOWN. 79.00.

Your dispatch of yesterday just received. I did
all I could to get you returns of the strength of my
command. Every move I made was reported daily
to your chief of staff who must have failed to keep

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AMERICAN AUTOGRAPH SHOP,

you posted. I have done my very best to obey orders
and to carry out the interests of service. If my course
is not satisfactory remove me at once. I do not wish
to impede in any way the success of our arms. I have
averaged writing more than once a day since leaving
Cairo to keep you informed of my position & it is no
fault of mine if you have not received my letters.

My going to Nashville was strictly intended for
the good of the service and not to gratify any desire
of my own.

Believing sincerely that I must have enemies be-
tween you and myself who are trying to impair my
usefulness I respectfully ask to be relieved from further
duty in this dept.

U. S. GRANT,
Maj. Gen.

